

26 September 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 25 September 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles, Dr. FitzGerald, Mr. Gray, Mr. Herter, Mr. Larson, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Sprague, General Starbird (Part-time), Mr. Stassen, Mr. Melbourne

1. Publicity on Ballistic Missiles and Nuclear Tests

There was general discussion of the effects abroad of American news releases concerning nuclear weapons tests. In addition the advisability of relaxing current rigid restrictions on publicizing developments in the field of ballistic missiles testing was covered.

No definitive conclusions were reached. It was agreed that formal discussion of these subjects, with particular reference to the points of view represented by Mr. Stassen and by the Department of Defense, should be carried over into the formal Board meeting.

In this general connection, a draft of a Working Group recommendation concerning release of information on the Navy's nuclear depth charge was tabled. The luncheon group concurred in the recommendation that the release of information on this weapon should be played in low key and the timing should be so handled as to achieve a minimum of public attention.

Approved
ORIGINATOR

General Starbird described the two nuclear tests still remaining in the currently scheduled Nevada series and outlined plans for next spring's shots at Eniwetok.

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